

# **PARKS AND RECREATION**

## **OFFICE OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

### **Region I**

### **Illinois State Parks and other Natural Areas – Northwest Region**

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#### **LOCATION**

#### **VOLUNTEER PROJECT**

##### **Anderson Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area**

674 N. IL 100 Hwy  
Astoria, IL 61501  
Contact: Scott Schuleter, Site Superintendent  
(309)759-4484 or email [scott.schuleter@illinois.gov](mailto:scott.schuleter@illinois.gov)

Campground host program - April - December

##### **Apple River Canyon State Park**

8763 E. Canyon Road  
Apple River, IL 61001  
Contact: Jay Nottrott, Site Superintendent  
(815)745-3302 or email [jay.nottrott@illinois.gov](mailto:jay.nottrott@illinois.gov)

Blue Bird Trail Monitoring by Natural Area Guardians – April– Oct.  
Thompson Cemetery cleanup - June

##### **Argyle Lake State Park**

640 Argyle Park Rd  
Colchester, IL 62326  
Contact: Robin Hinchee, Site Superintendent  
Or Bridget Hinchee, Site Interpreter  
(309)776-3422  
Or email [robin.hinchee@illinois.gov](mailto:robin.hinchee@illinois.gov) or  
[Bridget.hinchee@illinois.gov](mailto:Bridget.hinchee@illinois.gov)

Join Friends of Argyle Lake Foundation – view Website at: <http://www.friendsofargyle.org>  
Campground Hosts – April - Oct..  
Interpretive programs (Speakers) May - Oct.  
Paint tables and barrels - Jan. - Dec.  
Litter pick-up –March - Oct.  
Maintain Arboretum March - Nov.  
Maple Syrup Demonstration Jan -. Feb.  
Lake Cleanup Days Jan. – Dec.  
Trail maintenance program – Jan.-Dec.

##### **Big River State Forest**

RR 1 Box 118  
Keithsburg, IL 61442  
Contact: Tony Newton, Site Superintendent  
(309)374-2496  
Or email [tony.newton@illinois.gov](mailto:tony.newton@illinois.gov)

Campground host program  
Equestrian trail maintenance trail projects by Trail Riders Club – ongoing  
Litter cleanup – on going  
Snowmobile/cross country trail projects by Clubs–on going  
Special events - on going  
Construction of bird feeders/houses – Fall

##### **Castle Rock State Park**

1365 W. Castle Rock Rd.  
Oregon, IL 61061  
Contact: Grant Afflerbaugh, Site Superintendent  
(815)732-7329  
Or email [grant.afflerbaugh@illinois.gov](mailto:grant.afflerbaugh@illinois.gov)

Assist with deer firearm hunter registration- November - December  
Bluebird nesting survey - April - October  
Litter pickup - April – November  
Trail work/patrolling

##### **Delabar State Park**

R.R. 2, Box 2  
Oquawka, IL 61469  
Contact: Tony Newton, Site Superintendent  
(309)374-2496  
Or email [tony.newton@illinois.gov](mailto:tony.newton@illinois.gov)

Campground host program

## Donnelley/DePue State Fish & Wildlife Area

1001 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street

DePue, IL 61322

Contact: Mike Resetich, Site Superintendent  
(815)447-2353

Or email [mike.resetich@illinois.gov](mailto:mike.resetich@illinois.gov)

Fish congregators - January - April

Wood duck box projects- all year

Goose nest platform - all year

Wood duck trapping program - July - September

Pump installation and removal - September – December

Wood duck and dove banding

**Franklin Creek State Natural Area** Join the Franklin Creek Preservation Area Committee – view Website at: <http://www.franklincreekgristmill.com/>

1872 Twist Road

Franklin Grove, IL 61031

Contact: Jolyn Wise, Site Superintendent  
(815)456-2878

or email [jolyn.wise@illinois.gov](mailto:jolyn.wise@illinois.gov)

Rock River Trail & Horseman's Assn. erosion correction assistance – on going

Grist Mill operation by Franklin Creek PAC - on going

## Green River State Wildlife Area

375 Game Rd., Harmon, IL 61042

Contact: Mike Resetich, Site Superintendent  
(815)379-2324

Spring and fall controlled burns - spring - fall

Maintenance & monitor 200+ bluebird houses – spring

Hand collection of forbs & prairie grass - fall

Bird counts - January - August

Or email [mike.resetich@illinois.gov](mailto:mike.resetich@illinois.gov) Butterfly monitoring - August

## Henderson County Conservation Area

R.R. 1, Keithsburg, IL 61442

Contact: Tony Newton, Site Superintendent

(309)374-2496 or email [tony.newton@illinois.gov](mailto:tony.newton@illinois.gov)

Campground Host Program

## Hennepin Canal Parkway/Mautino SFWA

16006 - 875 "E" Street

Sheffield, IL 61361

Contact: Tom Vandemore, Site Superintendent  
(815)454-2328

Or email [tom.vandemore@illinois.gov](mailto:tom.vandemore@illinois.gov)

Join Friends of the Hennepin Canal – view website at: <http://www.friends-hennepin-canal.org/>

Adopt-a-trail program by the Friends of the Hennepin Canal -ongoing

Lake Sinissippi cleanup by the RRDA (Rock River Development Authority) and local

Ducks Unlimited chapter - September

Buoy Sinissippi channels by the RRDA & boaters - April

Archery deer drawing by the local Whitetails Unlimited chapter - August

Replace or install wood duck houses by local Boy Scout Troops – December thru February

Rehabilitate a small portion of an existing prairie by a local Girl Scout troop – ongoing

Towpath bank & trail cleanup projects by scout groups, RRDA, Friends of Hennepin Canal, Big Island Conservancy District, and Rock Island Conservation Club - ongoing

Canal cleanup by the Rock Falls Canal Trailblazer's – December thru February

Bench placement along bike trail - ongoing

## Illini State Park

2660 E. 2350<sup>th</sup> Rd.

Marseilles, IL 61341

Contact: Tom Jackson, Site Superintendent  
(815)795-2448

Or email [tom.jackson@illinois.gov](mailto:tom.jackson@illinois.gov)

Campground host program - April - October

OakLawn Bike Psychos events - May – Aug

Audubon Surveys – Jan – Dec.

## Johnson-Sauk Trail State Recreation Area

28616 Sauk Trail Rd.

Kewanee, IL 61443

Contact: Kim Meyers, Site Superintendent Round Barn tours by Friends of Johnson's Park – May-  
(O3c0t9)853-5589

Or email

[kim.meyers@illinois.gov](mailto:kim.meyers@illinois.gov)

Join the Friends of Johnson Park Foundation

Eagle Scout projects -on going

Round Barn Annual cleaning - April

Smokey Bear flower bed maintenance – April – Oct.

Campground host program - April - October

### **Jubilee College State Park**

13921 W. Rte. 150  
Brimfield, IL 61517

Contact: [Joe Bassetti](#), Site

Assist with DOO hunting programs  
Campground host program  
Assist with spring/fall burns - Jan. - Dec.  
Cleaning bird houses - April - Oct.

Superintendent (309)446-3758 Garlic mustard control - April - October

Or email [joe.bassetti@illinois.gov](mailto:joe.bassetti@illinois.gov) Litter pickup of area and trails - Jan. - Dec.

Exotic removal from prairie - Jan. - Dec.  
Assist with Disabled Hunting Program - September - January  
Natural area stewardship - Jan. - Dec.  
Assistance in Educational programs

### **Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park**

8542 N. Lake Rd.

Lena, IL 61048

Contact: [Jamie Dowdall](#), Site Superintendent

(815)369-4282

Or email [Jamie.dowdall@illinois.gov](mailto:Jamie.dowdall@illinois.gov)

Campground host program -ongoing  
Trail construction by Volunteer Trail Crew – on going

### **LaSalle Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area**

2660 E. 2350<sup>th</sup> Rd.

Marseilles, IL 61341

Contact: [Tom Jackson](#), Site Superintendent

(815)357-1608

Or email [tom.jackson@illinois.gov](mailto:tom.jackson@illinois.gov)

Bird surveys - all year  
Special events - all year

### **Lowden Miller State Forest**

1365 West Castle Road

Oregon, IL 61061

Contact: [Grant Afflerbaugh](#), Site Superintendent

(815)732-7329

Or email [grant.afflerbaugh@illinois.gov](mailto:grant.afflerbaugh@illinois.gov)

Trail work/patrolling

### **Lowden State Park**

1411 N. River Rd.

Oregon, IL 61061

Contact: [Grant Afflerbaugh](#), Site Superintendent

(815)732-6828

Or email [grant.afflerbaugh@illinois.gov](mailto:grant.afflerbaugh@illinois.gov)

Campground host program - May - November  
Trail work/patrolling

### **Marseilles State Fish & Wildlife Area**

2660 E. 2350<sup>th</sup> Road

Marseilles, IL 61341

Contact: [Tom Jackson](#), Site

Superintendent (815)795-2448

Or email [tom.jackson@illinois.gov](mailto:tom.jackson@illinois.gov)

Audubon Society bird surveys - Mar. - Dec.

### **Marshall State Fish & Wildlife Area**

236 State Route 26

Lacon, IL 61540

Contact: [Tony Colvin](#), Site Superintendent .

(309)246-8351

Or email [tony.colvin@illinois.gov](mailto:tony.colvin@illinois.gov)

Campground host program – Mar. – Nov.

### **Mississippi Palisades State Park**

16327A Rte. 84  
Savanna, IL 61074

Contact: Jay Nottrott, Site Superintendent  
(815)273-2731

Or email [jay.nottrott@illinois.gov](mailto:jay.nottrott@illinois.gov)

Campground host program

Bat house project - monitoring, construction—as needed

### **Morrison-Rockwood State Park**

18750 Lake Rd.

Morrison, IL 61270.

Contact Mike Challand, Site Superintendent  
(815)772-4708

Or email [mike.challand@illinois.gov](mailto:mike.challand@illinois.gov)

Join the Friends of Parks Foundation – call Site for contact information

Campground host program - Mar. – Nov...

Boy Scout Spring clean up - Apr. – May

Eagle Scout projects – Jan. Dec.

Equestrian Groups Trail Maintenance – Jan. – Dec...

### **Prophetstown State Park/Big Bend SFWA**

PO Box 181

Prophetstown, IL 61277

Mike Challand, Site Superintendent  
(815)537-2926

Or email [mike.challand@illinois.gov](mailto:mike.challand@illinois.gov)

School group blue bird box program – July - June

Park cleanup by boy scouts – April – May Contact:

Campground host program – May - October

### **Rice Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area/Banner Marsh SFWA**

19721 N. US 24

Canton, IL 61520

Contact: Scott Schuleter, Site  
Superintendent (309)647-9184

Or email [scott.schuleter@illinois.gov](mailto:scott.schuleter@illinois.gov)

Campground host program - May

Lake clean up day – May

### **Rock Cut State Park**

7318 Harlem Rd.

Loves Park, IL 61111

Contact: Bradley Brown, Site Superintendent  
(815)885-3311

Or email [bradley.brown@illinois.gov](mailto:bradley.brown@illinois.gov)

Join Rock Cut Trail Crew - view Website at: <http://www.rctrailcrew.org>

Trail patrol - on going

Upper Rock River Ecosystem Partnership – on going

Scout service projects - litter control - on going

Campground Host program - on going

Winnebago/Boone County Greenways and Trails Committee

### **Rock Island Trail State Park**

311 E. Williams

P. O. Box 64

Wyoming, IL 61491

Contact: Grant McCauley, Site Superintendent  
(309)695-2228

Or email [grant.mccauley@illinois.gov](mailto:grant.mccauley@illinois.gov)

Join Friends of Rock Island Trail – view Website at <http://www.ritrail.org>

Assist with prairie burns - spring

Construct campground signs - on going

Assist with pruning - on going

Staff Depot on weekends - May – Oct.

Litter pick up - on going

Assist with funding interpreter/ education by Friends Group - on going

### **Shabbona Lake State Recreation Area**

4201 Shabbona Grove Road

Shabbona, IL 60550

Contact: Joe Lenkaitis, Site Superintendent  
(815)824-2106

Or email [joe.lenkaitis@illinois.gov](mailto:joe.lenkaitis@illinois.gov)

Campground Host Program

Birdhouse repair & cleaning By SLSC – on going

Litter clean ups - on going

Landscaping, flower pots, etc. – on going

Archery blind maintenance & rehab – on going

Waterfowl blind maintenance & rehab – on going

Rearing pond assistance by SLSC group – on going

Lake structure improvements by SLSC group –on going

Trail work – trimming, surface, etc. – on going

Prairie demo and maintenance by Master Gardeners – on going

Scout projects – trail work, wildlife work, table repair, etc. –ongoing

## **Snakeden Hollow State Fish & Wildlife Area**

1936 IL Rte. 167  
Victoria, IL 61485

Contact: Joe Bassetti, Site Superintendent  
(309)879-2607

Or email [joe.bassetti@illinois.gov](mailto:joe.bassetti@illinois.gov)

Controlled burns - February - April  
Litter pickup - on going  
Noxious weed control - all year  
Goose banding - June  
Cemetery maintenance - April - September  
Tree planting by NWTF Jakes - Mar. - April.  
Bluebird Trail monitoring - April - June

## **Spring Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area/Powerton Lake SFWA**

7982 S. Park Rd.  
Manito, IL 61546

Contact: Stan Weimer, Site Superintendent  
(309)968-7135

Or email [stan.weimer@illinois.gov](mailto:stan.weimer@illinois.gov)

Rake campgrounds - April & May  
Cemetery maintenance - April - October  
Canada goose banding - June & July  
Youth & adult dove hunt - August & September  
Youth pheasant hunt - October

## **Starved Rock State Park/Matthiessen State Park**

PO Box 509  
Utica, IL 61373

Contact: Kerry Novak, Site Supt.  
(815)667-4726

Or email [kerry.novak@illinois.gov](mailto:kerry.novak@illinois.gov)

Join Friends of Starved Rock Historical & Education Foundation – view Website at: <http://www.starvedrockfoundation.org>

Cross country ski weekend - February  
Eagle watch weekend – January  
STR Audubon – Bird Census – on going  
Butterfly Monitoring – on going  
Staff Visitor Center by Starved Rock Foundation – on going  
Weekend Winter programming by Starved Rock Foundation – on going  
National Public Lands Day event – September  
Annual wildflower pilgrimage – May  
Nature Are Show – May  
Hummingbird Workshop – August  
Fall Colors Weekend – October  
National Trails Day - June  
Campground host program  
Winter wilderness weekend - January

## **White Pines Forest State Park**

6712 West Pines Road  
Mt. Morris, IL 61054

Contact: Jolyn Wise, Site Superintendent  
(815)946-3717

Or email [jolyn.wise@illinois.gov](mailto:jolyn.wise@illinois.gov)

Campground host program - May - Oct.

## **Wildlife Prairie State Park**

Join Friends of Wildlife Prairie State Park

Website: <http://www.wildlifeprairiestatepark.org/support-volunteer.cfm>

## **Woodford State Fish & Wildlife Area**

RR 1  
Lowpoint, IL 61545

Contact: Tony Colvin, Site Superintendent  
(309)822-8861

Or email [tony.colvin@illinois.gov](mailto:tony.colvin@illinois.gov)

Campground host program - May - October